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March 28, 2019

Mr. Daniel Kaufman  
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**RE: PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST**

Dear Mr. Kaufman:

The Massachusetts Department of State Police ("Department") has received your public records request dated February 11, 2019 seeking, "Any and all documents, communications, memorandum, and reports containing the terms or related to the groups 'Antifa' 'Socialist Rifle Association' and 'John Brown Gun Club' between 1/1/15 and 2/10/2019." After an email search was conducted by the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security (EOTSS), a total of 5,563 potentially responsive emails we produced of which you were notified on February 19, 2019. On February 23, 2019, in an effort to reduce the costs associated with your request, you provided additional search parameters. On February 26, 2019, you were notified that those additional parameters did not alter the number of results produced by the original search. On March 11, 2019, you responded stating that you would still like to proceed with this request. As such, the Department is now providing a detailed cost estimate for your review.

Prior to producing any documents, the Department will be required to review and redact exempt or otherwise privileged information from each item. Given the volume of responsive records requiring review, the Department will need to assess a good faith estimate for the cost of production. Given the nature of the records at issue, we will undoubtedly be required to redact information not subject to disclosure by law, and are therefore entitled to impose a fee for the compilation, review, and segregation of the records. It is anticipated that the majority of these emails would be exempt pursuant to G.L. c 4, sec. 7, cl 26(f) (investigative exemption).

This cost estimate contemplates that each email will require an average of 3 minutes to review. Some emails are anticipated to be brief, but others will be lengthy and/or include attachments similarly requiring review. With 5,563 emails, this amounts to 278.15 hours required for review. At a rate of \$25/hour, and waiving the cost associated with the production

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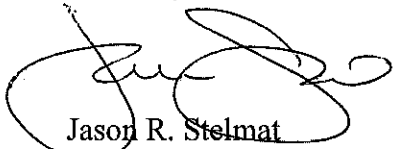
of this estimate and for the first four hours of anticipated labor, the total estimate for the cost of production is \$6,853.75. I have submitted a fee assessment petition (attached) with the Supervisor of Public Records accordingly. If you would like to move forward with this portion of your request, please send a check or money order for \$6,853.75, payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to my attention at:

Commonwealth Fusion Center  
124 Acton Street  
Maynard, MA 01754

If you wish to challenge any aspect of this response, you may appeal to the Supervisor of Public Records following the procedure set forth in 950 C.M.R. 32.08, a copy of which is available at <http://www.mass.gov/courts/case-legal-res/law-lib/laws-by-source/cmr/>. You may also file a civil action in accordance with M.G.L. c. 66, § 10A.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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